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Applicants:	Trista P. Chen, et al.	Examiner:	Fred Ehichioya
Serial No.:	10/005,193	Group Art Unit:	2162
Filed:	December 4, 2001	Docket No.:	200302024-1
Title:	System and Method for Efficiently Finding Near-Similar Images in Massive Databases		

**REFAX OF PREVIOUSLY FILED RESPONSE**

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Examiner Fred Ehichioya called today indicating that the Response filed on September 16, 2005 responsive to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005 had not been entered in the Image File Wrapper. Submitted with this fax is a copy of the Response with the PTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission receipt.

Please enter this response in the image wrapper for the above-referenced application so prosecution may resume.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

